

Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to you today to protest any new legislation that is aimed at unfairly restricting satellite radio in favor of the National Association of Broadcasters. It is unfair that the large corporations that on the majority of the radio stations around the country can broadcast the same program in multiple markets around the US but congress and the FCC are considering curtailing satellite radio broadcasters ability to nationally broadcast traffic and weather for specific places in the United States. The current state of FM radio prevents me from getting any real local information from Los Angeles FM stations. Before satellite radio, I had to typically wait a min of 30 minutes for the traffic report and when I did get the report it typically didn't address a fraction of the local highway conditions. This is all information that I get immediately on satellite radio. Satellite radio is filling a void left by the proliferation of corporate radio in Los Angeles and the FM stations should have to compete on a level playing field. This competition would benefit the consumer and result in a better radio programming product. The proposed rules and legislation would only allow the FM radio corporations such as Clear Channel to continue to forcefeed the public a clearly inferior product.

The public good is furthered by your rejection of the NAB's petition 04-160. I am willing to pay for satellite radio and should be able to receive programming that improves my life without being dictated to by the NAB about what I am permitted to hear.

I respectfully request that you reject the NAB's attempt to unfairly censor satellite radio. The NAB's only motivation is their fear of satellite radio. American business has always been premised on increasing profit by providing a superior and more valuable product than your competitors. Please allow satellite radio to continue to provide a superior product free of interference from the large radio monopolies that NAB represents.

Sincerely,  
William Gordon